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Dear Mel,

Sorry I do not have time for a long response to your letter.

You are welcome to copy such pictures as Altgens' and any others that have not been borrowed and not returned.

I don't know where a set of the 26 can be had now. I know others looking.

I now have a duplicate of the Zapruder camera. It has a slide operation, up into single frame, normal called 16 and 48. No 24, despite the Barrett report. It can go from 16 into 48 and back easily but I don't know if it did and at this point none of that really makes any difference except to persuade people that there was a dishonest investigation. I don't know anyone who today believes anything else.

There is, of course, point in informing people. If they are informed, not deceived.

You have an interesting point in the 12 fps, which is an impossibility because the film at any speed seems to run much too fast.

I learned about the misinterpretation of the cycle windscreen almost as soon as the book was printed.

The Noyes book is crap. Nothing built of next to nothing. It is also overloaded with the kinds of errors that can't be excused and are not easily explained away. I have read it.

And Marcello and Garrison are not and were not buddy-buddy. This is typical invention. Garrison did clean New Orleans up and I know of and in fact have heard of only legitimate business there that Marcello owns. His base is the next parish, outside of Garrison's jurisdiction.

I know of no direct Marcello employment of Ferrie. Ferrie worked for one of the countless lawyers who worked for Marcello. And Ferrie seems to have done well on that case, which Marcello did win. Good guy or bad, the way he was deported is fascist.

I know of no rational reason to believe that Bradley is in any way connected with the assassination. I know him, dislike him, detest his beliefs and connections, but none of this is evidentiary. He does look like that bum but that was not him. I knew about Braden from the first. But after reading Noyes I know nothing about him connecting him with anything except a crooked past.

This is the kind of stuff I abominate. It is paranoid, without factual basis, and there is every reason not to discuss it as though it were factual or even had possible meaning. To do this kind of thing is to destroy credibility and to abuse the trust of those who listen and read.

Call before coming to be sure I'm not busy.

Slide enclosed.

Best regards,